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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~of updating a user profile implemented by a computer-based interactive voice response system; said method~~ comprising:
 - [[a)] receiving an incoming call from a caller;
 - [[b)] retrieving [[a)] telephone identifying information from the incoming call;
 - [[c)] using the telephone identifying information to access [[the]] a user profile, the user profile corresponding to the telephone identifying information;
 - [[d)] prompting the caller for a target telephone destination;
 - [[e)] receiving the target telephone destination;
 - [[f)] determining a target telephone number corresponding to the target telephone destination;
 - [[g)] prompting the caller with an option to enter the target telephone number in the user profile when the target telephone number does not correspond to an extant telephone number entry in the user profile; and
 - [[h)] in response to selection of the option by the caller, ~~prompting the caller to input an identifier with which to access the target telephone number, receiving the identifier, and storing at least one of the target telephone destination or the target telephone number and the identifier in the user profile.~~
2. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the telephone identifying information is an ANI associated with the incoming call.

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3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the further step
of calling the target telephone number.

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the target telephone
destination is a spoken name.

5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the target telephone
destination is a spoken number sequence.

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the target telephone
destination is a DTMF sequence.

7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising obtaining an
identifier from the caller in response to selection of the option by the caller, wherein where the
identifier is a spoken name.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) ~~In a world-wide web-connected computer system, a~~
method of adding to a first user profile corresponding to a first user a data set retrieved from a

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second user profile corresponding to a second user in response to a single HTTP request made by the first user, the HTTP request corresponding to a URL provided by the second user to the first user and including a second user identifier corresponding to the second user profile, said method comprising:

[(a)] receiving the single HTTP request from the first user;

[(b)] using the second user identifier to selectively retrieve the data set from the second user profile;

[(c)] determining if the single HTTP request includes a cookie that is associated with the first user profile; and

[(d)] adding the data set to the first user profile in response to determining that the single HTTP request includes the cookie that is associated with the first user profile.

11. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the second user identifier is a parameter specified in the URL.

12. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the data set comprises a name and a telephone number.

13. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the data set is a vCard.

14. (canceled)

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15. (previously presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the second user identifier comprises a user-ID corresponding to the second user.
16. (currently amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the second user identifier comprises [[a]] telephone identifying information corresponding to the second user.
17. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining a target telephone number corresponding to the target telephone destination includes obtaining the target telephone number from the caller.
18. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining a target telephone number corresponding to the target telephone destination includes automatically identifying the target telephone number based on the target telephone destination.
19. (new) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a message from the caller; and
sending the message as a message delivery call based on the target telephone number.
20. (new) The method of Claim 19, further comprising:
detecting an answer of the message delivery call by a destination party; and
providing the destination party with an option to listen to or dispose of the message.
21. (new) The method of Claim 19, further comprising:

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detecting an answer of the message delivery call by an answering machine; and
providing information to the answering machine that a message is waiting from the caller.

22. (new) The method of Claim 19, further comprising:

adding content to a beginning or end of the message before sending the message as the
message delivery call.

23. (new) The method of Claim 22, wherein adding content to a beginning or end of
the message includes attaching an advertisement to the beginning or the end of the message.

24. (new) The method of Claim 23, further comprising:

selecting the advertisement based on information associated with a destination party
corresponding to the target telephone number.

25. (new) The method of Claim 22, wherein adding content to a beginning or end of
the message includes attaching caller selected content to the beginning or the end of the message.

26. (new) A system, comprising:

means for receiving an incoming call from a caller;

means for detecting telephone identifying information from the incoming call;

means for accessing a user profile based on the telephone identifying information;

means for receiving a message from the caller;

means for prompting the caller for a target telephone destination for the message;

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means for receiving the target telephone destination;

means for determining a target telephone number corresponding to the target telephone destination;

means for providing the caller with an option to enter the target telephone number in the user profile when the target telephone number does not correspond to an existing telephone number entry in the user profile; and

means for storing at least one of the target telephone destination or the target telephone number in the user profile in response to selection of the option by the caller.

27. (new) The system of Claim 26, further comprising:

means for adding content to a beginning or end of the message; and

means for transmitting the message with the added content based on the target telephone number.

28. (new) The system of Claim 27, wherein the means for adding content to a beginning or end of the message includes means for attaching an advertisement to the beginning or the end of the message.

29. (new) The system of Claim 28, further comprising:

means for selecting the advertisement based on information associated with a destination party corresponding to the target telephone number.

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30. (new) The method of Claim 27, wherein the means for adding content to a beginning or end of the message includes means for attaching caller selected content to the beginning or the end of the message.

31. (new) A system, comprising

a voice portal to:

receive an incoming call from a caller,

receive a message from the caller,

prompt the caller for a target telephone destination for the message,

receive the target telephone destination,

determine a target telephone number corresponding to the target telephone destination,

output the message as a message delivery call based on the target telephone number,

detect an answer to the message delivery call,

when a destination party answers the message delivery call, provide the destination party with an option to listen to or dispose of the message, and

when an answering machine answers the message delivery call, provide information to the answering machine that a message is waiting from the caller.

32. (new) The method of Claim 10, further comprising:

requesting that the first user present authenticating information when the single request does not include a cookie that is associated with the first user profile;

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identifying the first user profile based on the authenticating information; and
adding the data set to the first user profile.

33. (new) The method of Claim 10, further comprising:

creating a new user profile when the single request does not include a cookie that is
associated with the first user profile; and
adding the data set to the new user profile.

34. (new) A system of adding to a first user profile corresponding to a first user a
data set retrieved from a second user profile corresponding to a second user in response to a
single request made by the first user, the request corresponding to a URL provided by the second
user to the first user and including a second user identifier corresponding to the second user
profile, the system comprising:

means for receiving the single request from the first user;

means for selectively retrieving the data set from the second user profile based on the
second user identifier;

means for determining if the single request includes a cookie that is associated with the
first user profile; and

means for adding the data set to the first user profile in response to determining that the
single request includes the cookie that is associated with the first user profile.

35. (new) The system of Claim 34, further comprising:

means for requesting that the first user present authenticating information when the single request does not include a cookie that is associated with the first user profile;

means for identifying the first user profile based on the authenticating information; and

means for adding the data set to the first user profile.

36. (new) The system of Claim 34, further comprising:

means for creating a new user profile when the single request does not include a cookie that is associated with the first user profile; and

means for adding the data set to the new user profile.

37. (new) A system, comprising:

a server to:

receive a single request from a first user, the request corresponding to a URL provided by a second user to the first user and including a second user identifier corresponding to a second user profile,

retrieve a data set from the second user profile based on the second user identifier, determine if the single request includes a cookie that is associated with a first user profile corresponding to the first user, and

add the data set to the first user profile in response to determining that the single request includes the cookie that is associated with the first user profile.

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